State of consumer cases in the country

9. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2298 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th March, 1993 and state:

(a) what is the total number of cases filed in Consumer Affairs Courts state-wise, alongwith the number of cases disposed of and those pending;

(b) whether the Consumer Court cases are overburdening the Session judges; and

(c) if so, whether Government are considering to have separate courts for trying Consumer problem cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) A statement of cases pending and disposed of state-wise, is shown at Annexure. (*See* Appendix CLXVIII, Annexure No. 2].

(b) and (c) According to the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, a person who is, or has been or is qualified to be a District Judge, can be appointed as President of the District Forum. As such, many District Forums are being presided over by District Judges. However, recently the Hon'ble Supreme Court, in the matter of Civil Writ Petition No. 1141/88, has directed to withdraw the sitting Judges in a phased manner and has directed the State Governments to set up independent District Forums. These directions have been communicated to the St[illegible]

Supply of Palmolien oil to Tamil Nadu

10. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of Palmolien oil allotted to Tamil Nadu during 1989 and 1993 year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that there was variation of allotment, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to consider the raising of allotment quota of palmolien oil during this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The following quantity of edible oil was allocated to Tamil Nadu during the oil years 1989-90 to 1992-93 (Nov-Oct):—

1989-90	=	49,800 MT
1990-91	=	9,075 MT
1991-92	=	6,000 MT
1992-93	=	3,363 MT
(upto June, 1993)		

(b) Allocation of edible oils to the States/UTs including Tamil Nadu was made on month to month basis depending upon the relevant factors like availability of imported edible oil for allocation, inter-se requirement of the States/UTs, prices of indigenous oil in the market and pace of lifting of earlier allocated oils etc.

(c) Edible oil, at present is neither being imported nor allocted to States/UTs on a regular basis. Hence, there is no question of raising the allocation to Tamil Nadu.

मध्य प्रदेश के लिये खाद्यान्नों का आबंटन

11. श्री शिव प्रसाद चनपुरिया : क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले